

self, and confine this reply to the points presented by yourselves. Reciprocating most heartily your kindly sentiments, I am, very faithfully, yours,

W. A. Graham.

P.S. The North Carolina Standard of yesterday's date, under the editorial head, announces that it is made the duty of the Governor "to prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper for convening a convention, composed of delegates to, AND chosen by, that portion of the people of said State who are loyal to the United States, and no others." This language is literally that which I have copied above in my last extract from the Proclamation of the President; with the important omission of the word "Be," and substitution of "And," which I have written in capitals, so as to attach a qualification to delegates not required by the Proclamation. When I first read this, I supposed it a careless quotation from this document, to sustain a construction of it which that paper had theretofore maintained, and in which I do not concur. But having learned since this letter was written, from sources in which I place confidence, that by recent orders and instructions, exclusions are extended beyond the terms of the Proclamation, and that persons in my situation are embraced in the exclusion, I shall promptly withdraw my name from the candidacy. Please publish this to the people of the county, as the explanation of my conduct in the premises.

W.A.G.

Joseph Graham to William A. Graham

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I met Willie in town yesterday, and he expected to start for Hillsboro' about the 19th Inst. The Yankees had summoned him and Joe, Rob and Alfred Morrison²⁰³ to answer for floggin a negro whom Uncle Morrison had several times forbidden to come

²⁰³ This reference is to three nephews of William A. Graham who were the sons of the Reverend Robert Hall and Mary Graham Morrison of Lincoln County. They were: Capt. Joseph Graham Morrison (1842-1906), Dr. Robert Hall Morrison (1843-1922), and the Reverend Alfred James Morrison (1849-1876). Clark, "Graham Descendants."